(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (d) Studies have shown that Norplant is a safe and effective contraceptive. Menstrual irregularities are commonly reported side effects. The question of stopping use of Norplant does not arise, IIIrd phase clinical trials of Norplant-I are still ongoing.

Production of Rhone-Poulence India Limited, Bombay

5673. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some products of Rhone-Poulence India Limited, Bombay have been creating health hazards;

(b) whether Government have received adverse reports about Phensedyl tonic which is produced and marketed by this company;

(c) whether Government have not yet taken any effective steps; and

(d) if so, the facts and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Government has received reports that Phensedyl Cough Linctus (not a tonic) marketed by M/s. Rhone-Poulence India, Bombay was misused as an addictive.

(c) and (d) To curb its misuse the concerned State Governments have issued orders permitting only limited quantities to be kept by the stockists and retailers at a time, The formulation available in the Pharmacies are to be sold only against the prescription of a registered medical practitioner. The inspectorate staff of the Drugs Control Administration in these States have been instructed to keep a strict watch on the movement, sale and use of the formulations.

At the instance of Government, the firm has also revised the composition of the formulation of Phensedyl Cough Linctus which conforms to similar formulations marketed in the country.

Charitable Hospitals in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

5674. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some charitable hospitals are functioning in Delhi and U.P.;

(b) if so, give their locations separately for Delhi and U.P., with details of services being provided by these institutions;

(c) whether some charitable pathological and bio-chemistry laboratories are also functioning in Delhi and U.P.;

(d) if so, what are their locations in Delhi and U.P. with details of tests being undertaken by them;

(e) whether Government have fixed some amount of money to be charged by these hospitals and laboratories from patients while providing services;

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons for granting them charitable character enjoying exemption from different Government duties and taxes without any benefit to beneficiaries;

(g) whether Government propose to take some action in this regard ; and

(h) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (h) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Eradication of Malaria

5675. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for implementation of the National Malaria Eradication Programme (NMEP);

(b) if so, the steps taken in this direction ;

(c) whether any new scheme is proposed to be sponsored for the eradication of Malaria as the menace of mosquitoes causing Malaria has created a serious problem in the tribal areas: and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) The National Malaria Eradication Programme is being implemented in the country since 1958.

(c) and (d) A project seeking external assistance for seven States having large tribal population viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa and Rajasthan is under formulation. In addition priority has been accorded to intensification of malaria control activities in the North Eastern States.

Marketing of Cineraria Martima Succus eye drops

5676. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standard of Cineraria Martima Succus eye drops given in HPI is different from that being allowed for sale in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that companies belonging to the same group are the sole importers of the above eye drops from Germany; and

(c) what is the landed cost vis-a-vis market price of this medicine ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) H.P.I. includes standards for C.M.S. No standards are given in H.P.I. for Cineraria Martima Eye Drops—which is also sold in the country as per label claims.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected.

मियाद समाप्त हुई औषधियों की बिक्री

5677. श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह : क्या स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान समय-समय पर समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित इस आशय के समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है कि देश के अनेक भागों में आवश्यक औषधियों को उनकी मियाद पूरी हो जाने के बाद भी बेचा जाता है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो सरकार की इस संबंध में क्या प्रतिक्रिया है और इस पर रोक